REMARKS

The Examiner rejected the previous claims 33, 35-38, 41-52, and 54 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Naito. Claim 34 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Naito further in view of White. Claims 39-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Naito further in view of Colby.

One preferred embodiment (not the only embodiment) of new claim 65 is shown in Figure 8. This figure shows the client operating unit 156, the server 158, the first control unit 130 inside the printer, and the second control unit 138 inside the printer.

Claim 65 clearly distinguishes over Naito at least by reciting the first control unit prepares internal printing control variable data and wherein the client operating unit not only inputs and outputs operating information relating to configuration or execution of print jobs but also outputs at least one part of the internal printing control variable data prepared by the first control unit. Naito does not have such a client operating unit which outputs at least one part of the internal printing control variable data prepared by the first control unit.

The Examiner relies on Naito Figures 1 and 22 for the first control unit and the at least one second control unit. For these control units the Examiner relies on the client PC. However, claim 65 requires the first and second control units are inside the printer or copier system. Naito Figures 1 or Figure 2 the client PCs are outside the printer or copier system.

For the control data transferred between the first and second control units the Examiner relies on Naito column 10, lines 61-67 to column 11, lines 1-10. However, claim 65 distinguishes by reciting that the control data transferred is internal printing control variable data prepared by the first control unit and wherein this internal

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printing control variable data has at least one part output by the client operating unit. None of these features are present at columns 10 and 11 in Naito. The file name relied on by the Examiner is not internal printing control variable data created by the first control unit inside the printer.

Next, the Examiner relies on the Internet for the data line between the first and second control units. But that data line is outside the printer whereas the first and second control units are inside the printer. The data line between them is also recited as being inside the printer. But the Internet is outside the printer and therefore claim 65 distinguishes for this reason also.

Dependent claims 66-75 distinguish at least for the reasons noted with respect to claim 65 and also by reciting additional features not suggested.

Method claim 76 distinguishes at least for the reasons noted with respect to the control system claim 65.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519.

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